

## VERNON CEMETERY COMMISSION

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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2015

The regular meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. at the Cemetery Office at Grove Hill Cemetery by Chairman Jean Luddy. All members were present: Jean Luddy, Lois-Jane Tonski, Judy Hany, Stuart Edwards and Scott Brown. Also present were Superintendent Alan West and Cemetery Secretary Carol Nelson.

Citizens Forum: No members of the public were present

Minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 2, 2015 – A motion was made by Jean Luddy, seconded by Lois-Jane Tonski and unanimously voted to accept the minutes of the June 2, 2015 meeting as written.

Superintendent's Report

- a. Seasonal Employee Status – One of the seasonal has finished and another is working one or two days a week while he attends classes. An additional employee is being requested for the fall leaf season.
- b. Benches – replacement & new – A total of eight benches are in need of replacement. They will be replaced during the course of the next few years. If the benches are donated, it was suggested that a plaque be installed on the bench indicating the donor.
- c. Chapel update – A hive of hornets has been removed from the exterior. An estimate is needed for the exterior work of repointing and repairing the masonry. The limestone archway will need to be completed before the building can be used. The doors will need to be stripped and refinished. A moss remover is being tested.
- d. Elmwood entry sign and storage building roof – The archway sign was reconstructed after being hit in another hit and run incident. The roof of the shed has been replaced down to the new plywood.
- e. Valley Falls – Poplar tulip tree donation – Steve Belanger has donated a poplar tulip tree that we planted and will water through the fall. It is 10 to 15 feet high and will have yellow flowers. Perennials will be subdivided this fall. Steve has done quite a bit of volunteer work in the cemetery.
- f. Drainage – it is roughly estimated that the project of 42 inch piping will require over 700 feet of pipes and will cost \$43,000 for the materials. The Town Engineer has been asked to walk the property and discuss the plans and needed culverts. The Inland Wetlands Commission may need to be consulted on this project.
- g. Gazebo – has been suggested to be located near soldier's field. A twelve foot gazebo has been priced at \$5,000. The David Thornton donation of \$5,000 could be used for the purchase.

## 5. Unfinished Business

- a. Veterans Field – Memorial brick walkway – The cost of the brick has been estimated at \$1,000 to \$1,500. Engraving is estimated at \$10 for each brick. The walkway is forty-four feet long. It is

also estimated that ninety-nine 8 x 8 inch and 198 4 x 8 inch bricks will be needed. The income will return to the upkeep of the soldiers field to water, fertilize and for any enhancements. A motion was made by Lois-Jane Tonski, seconded by Stu Edwards and unanimously voted to approve the present plan for the installation of the memorial brick walkway and to begin work.

Dobosz field in Section 7 was briefly discussed. It would be a good location for a bench.

#### 6. New Business

##### a. Suspense list Additions:

1. Kenya Smith – Grove Hill, Sec Next., Lot 213 N ½ - \$700.
2. Susan Olstead – Valley Falls, Sec. Cremation B, Lot 161 - \$125.

A motion was made by Jean Luddy, seconded by Lois-Jane Tonski and unanimously voted to approve the placement of the two accounts on the Suspense List.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m. by unanimous consent.

  
Carol S. Nelson

Secretary

Approved:  Dec 1, 2015